

The Workers Of Ontario
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[Chorus]

Dm **E** **G#**
We are the workers of Ontario
D **C** **A**
The workers of Ontario
Dm **G**
We hail from the north and from the south
F
In the north we mine the ore
Em **A**
In the south we manufacture
Dm **G** **D**
We are a part of the Canadian
G **A** **Dm**
Canadian proletariat

[Verse 1]

D **A**
We are the workers of Ontario
Em **A** **D**
We work for the rich of the United States
G **C#m** **F#m** **Bm**
We work for the rich of Canada
Em **A** **D**
We work under the yoke of wage-slavery
Am **D** **G** **C**
Hauling the riches out of the earth
F **Bm** **E**
Manufacturing commodities for the rich to sell.
Am **D**
We are the workers of Ontario
G **Em** **A**
A mighty section of the Canadian working class.

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[Verse 2]

D A
We are workers of Ontario
Em A D
Long oppressed by the graft and corruption
G C#m F#m Bm
Brought into the organised working class
Em A D
By the blacklegs, the sellouts and traitors
Am D G C
The labour aristocracy
F Bm E
Those who swear by the name of Capital
Am
Big bosses of the Autoworkers, Steel and other unions
G E A
Everyone of them want our blood to be sucked.

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[Verse 3]

D A
In the 40s we fought against exploitation
Em A D
And in the 50s we never stopped
G C#m F#m Bm
Many were the struggles which the rich cannot forget
Em A D
Yet still they say we re for the capitalist system.
Am D G C
Yet, our ideology is Marxism-Leninism
F Bm F
We re workers and like workers everywhere
Am D
Our aspiration is for socialism
G E A

Ushered in by violent revolution

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